

Regional Parish OHSEP Director's Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2015 1:00 PM

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

525 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70130

ATTENDEES

Earl Eues, Kevin Davis, James Smith, Vernie McNamee, Kevin Breaux, Mike Steele, John Rahaim, John Stanley, Rick Webre, Collins Simoneaux, Darryl Delatte, Dawson Primes, Darren Guidry, Lee John, Terry Guidry and Kyra Bolmer.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting started promptly at 11:55 AM

Earl Eues called the meeting to order, completed roll call and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dawson Primes made a motion to accept the June minutes and John Rahaim seconded the motion. The June 2, 2015 minutes were approved.

GOHSEP UPDATE

Kevin Davis

Kevin mentioned that he attended the 2015 Hurricane Kick-off in Tangipahoa Parish which had a great turnout of over 173 attendees. Gordon Burguss retired and received his Lifetime Achievement award.

Kevin stated Louisiana received FEMA approval for a Public Assistance declaration for five (5) parishes in addition to statewide hazard mitigation grant assistance related to the Red River flooding incident. The Individual Assistance (IA) request was denied by FEMA.

Kevin cited he spoke at the St. Francisville Rotary Club and West Feliciana Hurricane Meeting on July 16th.

Kevin announced that Melissa Mann is the new Chief of Staff at the Governor's Office, replacing Kyle Plotkin.

Kevin advised that there has been some discussions with the Corps in regards to opening the Morgana Floodways to divert some of the water away from approximately 4800 acres of farm land. It was determined by the Corps that the gateway would not be opened. The Corps does pay the farmers for the land that has potential flooding issues but the farmers plant anyway. Farmers did lose a approximately \$2 million dollars of soybean crop with the flooding.

Kevin also mentioned we had a request for EMAC assistance from Texas for four (4) Disaster Recovery Managers for the severe flooding.

Kevin announced that all Katrina and Rita anniversary events have been posted on our website and any events not posted can be updated upon request.

Shelter Task Force Discussion

Earl Eues

Earl announced that the Shelter Task Force has been meeting on a monthly basis to update the guidelines. He stated more participation is needed from the host parishes therefore, a workshop will be held on August 4th at 10:00 am in Ruston at the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's office. All task force regional representatives will be in attendance and are asking for all northern parishes to participate in this workshop in order to identify new shelter sites. The State is willing to help with manpower and wrap around services at the recommended shelter sites.

He also mentioned that a Shelter Survey was sent out to all 64 parishes and 20 responses were received. Most of the responses were from the evacuating parishes, host parishes did not respond, he asked the Directors to remind those parishes to response to the survey as soon as possible to Glen Mears who is the Taskforce Chairman.

REGIONAL UPDATES

REGION 1

CERT Rodeo this week for five days in Plaquemine Parish.

St. Bernard parish received its storm ready certification on Friday, July 10th, which makes all four parishes in the Region storm ready.

Shell and Coast Guard held an exercise replicating the "BP Oil" spill, the exercise was well attended for two full days in New Orleans. This exercise gave the emergency response team great experience in responses and interfacing with the liaisons involved.

Participating in the Hurricane Evacuation Study, meetings are occurring now on a quarterly basis.

A DHS project called "Crescent Shield" was held involving First Responders (Fire Service, DHH, EMS, and Law Enforcement) in a simulated hazmat spill at Michot Plant in east New Orleans. This exercise will be held in three different additional areas in United States such as Freeport and Boise, Idaho. This will enable DHS to produce a Con Ops providing guidelines in responding to a large chemical release in an urban area.

Cox Communication holding annual table top exercise based around a hurricane event for Gulf Coast Risk Managers in New Orleans.

REGION 2

Completion of a million dollar building, Lamar Dixon which is a DHH project for First Responders Station Base for the Southeast taskforce.

Conducted an Active Shooter Mass Casualty Incident at a school location. Plans to complete a full scale exercise in November with DHH to qualify for annual exercise.

Table top exercise completed last week – went well.

Monitoring the marine vessel from China, Glory Trader, loaded with several different products causing a chemical reaction producing hydrogen and methane gas which caused the vessel hatches to blow. Unloading vessel's products to barges due to damage and working with salvage contractors.

REGION 3

TEPW held in Terrebonne parish – went well

Weatherford III completed exercise

Water utilities training upcoming later in July for the bayou parishes and August for the rural parishes.

Met with the Bureau of EMS regarding transportation request for medical special needs ambulances. EMS wanted to push for Directors to make request however, it was decided to appoint one point of contact (DRC) to request the ambulances. It was noted that the policy has been changed and other parishes may run into this same problem, which can be solved in the same manner by designating one point of contact.

REGION 4

Held SEMP Kick-off Meeting in mid-June.

LANG Haitian delegation visit on July 8-9 in Iberia, St. Martin and St. Landry Parishes.

GOHSEP Public Assistance Outreach Workshop on July 16th.

Acadiana Safety Collation meeting on July 22nd.

August 4th – 5th hosting a Campus Emergency Prevention Response and Recovery Course in Lafayette.

REGION 5

None

REGION 6

None

REGION 7

Recent flooding issues to be discussed later this week with all parishes.

Camp Minden M6 disposal contract has been signed with Explosive Services International. E-tech, a third party to ESI, will actually build the burning chamber in Oklahoma and ship it to Louisiana. It will be about a 6 month process to install and then about 6-8 months of 24-hour day destroying process operation. There will be approximately 40,000 pounds of ash that will be non-hazardous to be delivered to the landfill. The landfill location has not been determined yet.

REGION 8

None

REGION 9

TEPW completed on June 18th in Monroe.

GOHSEP Hurrevac refresher training on June 30th – went well, liked the new changes.

July 7th GOHSEP Public Assistance Outreach Workshop in St. Helena parish

Holding Regional Director's Meeting on July 23rd and a Medical Special Needs Shelter TTX.

July 29th planning meeting with Canada Nationals regarding a Train Derailment Exercise and scheduling a full scale exercise in October.

August 5th FirstNet meeting planned in St. Tammany parish.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Rick stated that Shell Pipeline will be conducting a live Well Control meeting for all First Responders from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Sorrento Salt Dome on July 25th.

Earl announced he would be attending the LEPA Board meeting if anyone has information they want him to present. He also mentioned the possibility of having the LEPA and GOHSEP co-hosting the annual meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Rahaim

Motion was seconded by Dawson Primes

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM

END OF REPORT